

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4150

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, SOPN, RP  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: ROMULO DENOUNCES FOREIGN PRESS  
"PARTISANS"

1. FORNSEC ROMULO ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE LOCAL PRESS  
APRIL 11 DENOUNCING "POLITICAL PARTISANS" AMONG THE FOREIGN  
PRESS COVERING THE IBP ELECTIONS. ROMULO SAID HE WAS WIRING  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO EXPLAIN "THE TRUE AND CORRECT  
SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES." DFA OFFICIAL INDICATED TO CHARGE  
MORNING APRIL 12 THAT WIRE TO SECRETARY HAD NOT BEEN SENT  
BUT MIGHT BE SENT LATER.

2. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION  
THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE  
APRIL 7 ELECTIONS, THE OVERWHELMING VICTORY OF THE KBL IN  
METRO MANILA IS BEING UNJUSTLY PICTURED IN THE WESTERN

PRESS AS THE RESULT OF FRAUD. THIS IS A LIBEL TO THE FILIPINO  
VOTERS WHO REJECTED THE ABSENCE OF A PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT  
OF THE OPPOSITION AND OPTED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE NEW  
SOCIETY REFORMS.

IT IS TO BE DEEPLY REGRETTEED THAT THE WESTERN PRESS HAS  
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CHOSEN TO COMPLETELY IGNORE THE WAVE OF ORGANIZED DISORDER  
-- INSPIRED, PLANNED AND PARTICIPATED IN BY THE OPPOSITION  
WITH THE INTENT OF DIVIDING THE NATION AND WHICH ONLY OUR  
VIGILANCE WAS ABLE TO AVERT.

WE HAVE EVIDENCE IN OUR POSSESSION SHOWING THAT CERTAIN  
MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS TOOK PART IN THE STRATEGY

MEETING IN WHICH SUCH PUBLIC DISORDER WAS PLANNED.

THIS SHOWS THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MEDIA ARE ACTING NO LONGER IN THEIR ORIGINAL CAPACITY AS JOURNALISTS, BUT AS POLITICAL PARTISANS INTERESTED IN SUBVERTING AN EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

THIS CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND A THREAT TO OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOME COUNTRIES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

IN VIEW OF THIS, I AM WRITING THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE TRUE AND CORRECT SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: DURING A BRIED CONVERSATION AT DFA APRIL 12, AMBASSADOR MABILAGAN (SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ROMULO) INDICATED TO CHARGE THAT THE WIRE MENTIONED IN THE STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN SENT BUT MIGHT BE SENT LATER. HE SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW.

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